

**WARREN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019**

The Warren County Council met for their first meeting of December 2019.


Council Members present for the meeting were: John Comer, Matt Commons, Sharon Hutchison, Ethan Foxworthy, George Taylor, Neil Ellis and Lee Kay.

Also, in attendance: Commissioners Clay Andrews, Adam Hanthorne and Brian Jordan; Auditor Robin Weston-Hubner; Surveyor Randy Haddock; Sheriff Rusty Hart; EMA Director Phil Astell; County Attorney Jud Barce and Ingrid Barce. Public: Wilma Shackleton, Herbert Shackleton.


1. The meeting was called to order by John Comer, Council President.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Comer.
3. New Business:
  - a. Meeting Agenda Approval – Items requested to be added to the agenda: Redevelopment Commission 2020 reappointments, Access to Public Records Ordinance, Wind Farm Building Permit Fee Ordinance, West Lebanon fire department extrication equipment, retirement of Wilma Shackleton, Reassessment Budget Extra Help, EMS Quarterly Reports. Neil Ellis made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second of George Taylor, all voted in favor.
  - b. Sharon Hutchison made a motion to approve the November 25, 2019 Council Meeting minutes with a second from Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
  - c. Wilma Shackleton APC Board retirement with 41 years of Service. Shackleton was presented with a plaque appreciation of her years of service to the County for participation on the APC/BZA boards.
  - d. Additional Appropriation Ordinance for Highway Salaries in the County General – Kay read the ordinance. Lee Kay made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$61,000 ordinance #2019-1216A with a second from George Taylor, all voted in favor and the ordinance was signed.
  - e. Area Plan Commission Appointment – Samantha Hill, Becky Ehler and Perry Conrad have expressed interest. Kay stated Samantha Hill and Ruann Marks cannot be appointed or be on the board as they are not residents of the unincorporated area of the county nor are they owners of real property located in an unincorporated area of the county citing Indiana Code IC 36-7-4-208. Barce clarified that Marks is appointed by the Town of Williamsport per the county's Zoning Ordinance, Article XIV Area Plan Commission, Section 143 – Membership and that IC 36-7-4-208 does not apply to Warren Co APC. Barce explained the code for the appointments to the APC and the qualifications of sitting on the APC board. Sharon Hutchison made a motion to table the appointment until the January meeting with a second from Neil Ellis, all voted in favor.
  - f. John Larson, Prosecutor – Expenditure of discretionary funds. Larson explained with the law office he had an additional person that is retiring and as full-time prosecutor is requesting to add a county employee. This was not budgeted in 2020 but the funds in the 4-D and discretionary funds can cover the salary for 2020. The Council agreed to the additional employee.
  - g. EMS Quarterly Report, Bryan Lanham – Lanham explained the presented reports.
  - h. Budget Encumbrances – Assessor, Court, Surveyor, EMA. All encumbrances were discussed in detail. Assessor - \$6,630 and \$1,323.88; Court \$1,713.00; Surveyor \$7,150; EMA \$6,056.75 and \$1,000. Lee Kay made a motion to approve all of the encumbrances with a second from George Taylor, all voted in favor.
  - i. 2020 Salary Ordinance #2019-1216B – Neil Ellis made a motion to approve the with a second from Matt Commons, all voted in favor and the ordinance was signed.
  - j. 2020 Redevelopment Commission Appointments – Steve Eberly and John Wright would like to remain on the board for 2020. Sharon Hutchison made a motion to reappoint Steve Eberly and John Wright to the Board for 2020 with a second from Matt Commons, all voted in favor.
  - k. Access to Public Records Ordinance, #2019-1216C – Barce explained the ordinance to the council. Sharon Hutchison made a motion to add \$2,500 fine, change USB purchase to \$5.00 and wave to pass at one meeting rather than second reading with a second from Matt Commons, all voted in favor and the ordinance was signed.
  - l. Jordan Creek Windfarm Permit Fee Ordinance, #2019-1216D – Brian Jordan, Commissioner, explained the ordinance. The permit fees from the windfarm will go into a separate fund to pay for the liaison position as well as other defined expenses. Neil Ellis made a motion to approve the ordinance with a second from Matt Commons, all in favor.
  - m. West Lebanon Fire Department Extrication Equipment – Hanthorne explained information concerning fire departments in the County. West Lebanon has requested to purchase extrication equipment in the amount of \$37,110. Lee Kay made a motion to accept the proposal funding with a limit of \$37,110 from the Economic Development Fund with a second from Sharon Hutchison, all voted in favor.
  - n. Assessor Reassessment Budget – Kay explained the assessor has inquired concerning her extra help budget that was cut from \$9,000 to \$500 in the 2020 budget. Kay inquired if the Assessor can ask for an additional appropriation, Council agreed.
4. Elected Official/Officer Holder Comment:
  - a. Weston-Hubner explained the 2019 Salary Ordinance had an error that was discovered. Lee Kay made a motion to approve the correction with a second from Sharon Hutchison Ordinance #2019-1216E, all voted in favor.
5. Public Comment: No public comment.
6. Old Business: None

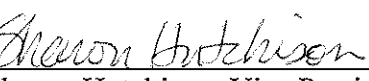
The next County Council meeting will be January 27, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

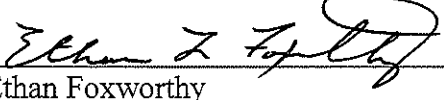
There being no further business, George Taylor made a motion to adjourn with a second from Matt Commons.

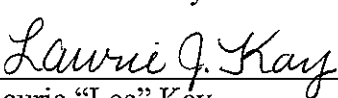
ATTEST:   
Robin Weston-Hubner


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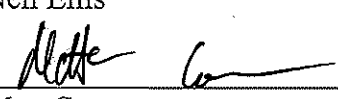
  
John Comer, President

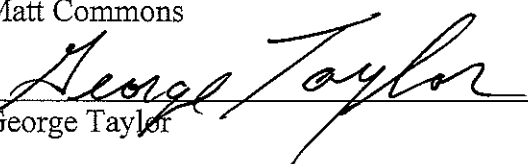
  
Sharon Hutchison, Vice President

  
Ethan Foxworthy

  
Laurie "Lee" Kay

  
Neil Ellis

  
Matt Commons

  
George Taylor